

## *Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)*

(800) 634-0245

[www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

Throughout the U.S. and its territories, 12,400 volunteer members provide individual counseling and business workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. Working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise to provide confidential business counseling, and mentoring.

### *Are the SCORE Services Free?*

Yes, counseling services are free! Local SCORE chapters also sponsor workshops and seminars that range from no cost to \$75.

## *California Municipal Business Tax Association*

[www.cmbta.org](http://www.cmbta.org)

Most California cities require businesses within their jurisdiction's to register and obtain a city business license.

The California Municipal Business Tax Association (CMBTA) has represented cities for over 32 years in business license matters. The CMBTA website will help you find out whom to contact about your local business license requirements.



## *CalGOLD Permit Assistance Centers*

800-Gov-1STOP (800-468-1786)

[www.calgold.ca.gov](http://www.calgold.ca.gov)

The CalGOLD Permit Assistance Centers provide businesses with information on permits and other requirements of California agencies at all levels of government.

They help businesses comply with regulations and reduce the hassle in understanding the requirements. Put the centers to work for you! Call 800-Gov-1STOP.

Permit assistance is now available on-line! CalGOLD was created to specifically provide permit assistance on the Internet. Special software allows customized responses to businesses' initial permit service requests – all with a click of a mouse.

## *Tax Information*

*State Sales and Use Tax, Special Taxes,  
and Property Taxes ~* [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov)  
Board of Equalization  
(800) 400-7115

*State Payroll Tax ~* [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)  
Employment Development Department  
(888) 745-3886

*State Income Tax ~* [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov)  
Franchise Tax Board  
(800) 852-5711

*Federal Income and Payroll Taxes ~*  
[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)  
Internal Revenue Service  
(800) 829-1040

**Visit Our Joint Website**  
[www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov)

# RESOURCES

## For Small Businesses In California . . .



**Community Colleges**  
**Chambers of Commerce**  
**Libraries**  
**Internet**  
**and More!**

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## Community Colleges

... offer the small business entrepreneurs numerous courses specifically geared toward their interests on such diverse subjects as bookkeeping, business planning, marketing, and establishing business relationships with minorities. The small business owner can also conveniently take these courses as correspondence courses or through public access television.

## Chambers of Commerce

... offer small businesses a way to build broad-based business support by providing networking, community activities, and economic development. The local Chamber of Commerce in your community may also provide opportunities to participate in business workshops and seminars.

## Libraries

... are a useful source of information. Besides the traditional resources, they also may provide access to computers you can use for everything from performing for everything from performing on-line research to word processing. Some libraries have individuals available to assist the business owner with one-on-one counseling.

## Internet

... access provides the small business owner with the ability to locate useful sites that specifically pertain to their business interests. For instance, a search of "wineries" will locate publications, agencies, and videotapes on the topic of wineries.



... explains what *you* need to know about taxes and your small business.

### *It's Quick*

Watch a 23-minute video that gives you advice from real California small business owners.

### *It's Easy*

Take home a booklet that has basic tax information from the IRS and the three California tax agencies all in one place.

### *It's Free*

See the video and receive the booklet at no charge through the community sponsors listed here:

- Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
- CalGOLD Permit Assistance Centers
- Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Or, download the booklet from the Internet at - [www.taxes.ca.gov/prodspon.htm](http://www.taxes.ca.gov/prodspon.htm)

### *It's Smart*

Learn about state and federal tax laws and prevent problems before you start your business. Plan ahead and make better business decisions.

## Small Business Development Centers

(800) 303-6600

[www.commerce.ca.gov/business/small/](http://www.commerce.ca.gov/business/small/)

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) provide opportunities for success to existing and new business owners. The program creates partners with businesses by offering one-on-one consulting, training, workshops, referrals, and other resources to improve the *bottom* line and create organizational efficiency.

Formally established in 1988, the SBDC program works to spur expansion and development of California small businesses. With 48 full-time and 60 part-time offices, SBDC offers business assistance in all 58 counties in California.

### *Are the SBDC services free?*

Yes, one-on-one consulting and access to the libraries are free. Fees are nominal for workshops, seminars, and small business conferences.

## Trade and Commerce Agency Office of Small Business

(916) 322-5790

[www.commerce.ca.gov/business/small/](http://www.commerce.ca.gov/business/small/)

The Trade and Commerce agency provides assistance to small businesses regarding licensing, prompt payment, capital access, and advocacy. Please call (916) 322-5790 to find out more about these topics and other available resources.